cles were effectively utilized."

The advertising methods of the trus

are referred to as a means of influ-encing both business and public senti-ment, and it is said that not less than

Competition Persistently Destroyed.

Receiver Should Be Appointed.

He seems inclined to the view that a receiver should be appointed for the business of the parties to the combi-nation, and he adds:

"The very existence of certain de-fendants is criminal and certainly they

cannot rightfully complain because re-

FREEZING WEATHER

strained from carrying out the unlaw-ful purposes of their creation; they are wilfully in positions where every act

No Reports of Damage to Trees-Work

Stopped by Frost King.

Builders Forced to Quit.

estimated that to remove it will

Ohio River Solidly Frozen.

formed in the river and loose big quan-

titles of water with a rush is now past.

Pittsburg Murder Mystery Near a So-

five days is near a solution tonight

National Fire Proofing Company Dividend.

W. Crosby, who was the last surviving member of the guard of honor over the hody of President Garfield, and who died here last week, died at her home

cost the city \$400,000

IN FLORIDA ORANGE BELT.

en million dollars were expen

this way in the single year of 1906.

NORWICH, CONN., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1909

FAMOUS TOBACCO TRUST CASES

To be Argued Next Week in the Supreme Court of the United States

CASE OF THE GOVERNMENT PRESENTED

that Court Yesterday by Attorney General Wickersham in a Printed Erief of 268 Pages—Pacts Given which Show that the Combination Has Assets which To that Court Yesterday by Attorney General Wicker-Amount to About \$400,000,000.

Washington, Dec 20.—In a printed brief of 288 pages Attorney General George W. Wickersham and his special assistant, J. C. McReynolds, today presented to the supreme court of the United States the case of the government in the famous tobacco trust cases, which will be argued next week in that court. The cases were tried in the United States effecult court for the southern district of New York, which after dismissing the petition as to foreign tobacco companies and some of the subordinate American companies adjudged the others to be parties to an unlawful conspiracy and enjoined them from continuing their operations and from engaging in interstate commerce.

Attorney General's Position.

The attorney general takes the position that those findings, sweeping as they seem to have been, were not broad enough, and he asked the supreme court to so widen their scope as to take in the foreign companies and some individuals who were relieved from the

The attorney general takes the position that those findings, sweeping as they seem to have been, were not broad enough, and he asked the supreme court to so widen their scope as to take in the foreign companies and some individuals who were relieved from the operation of the verdict. Many other extensions of the judgment are also requested.

After showing that in 1890 competition was free, the various coalitions are traced in the document, and facts are given to show that the combination has given to show that the combination has grown until its combined assets amount to \$400,000.000. It is asserted that the combination manufactures all the eigarettes for export and almost three-fourths of the smoking tobacco and of the eigarettes for domestic sale, more than three-fourths of the plug, twist and fine out tobacco and almost all of the snun and little eigars that are made. It is declared that "the defendants have persistently exercised duress, have practiced wicked and unfair methods, and used their great power in oppressive ways." Further, it is asserted that they have been actuated by a fixed purpose to destroy competition and obtain monopolies. "Competitors have gradually disappeared and the combination, now strongly entrenched, unduly restricts the business of those in the trade and prevents others from entering." to others from entering."

Independent Jobbing Destroyed. Coming down to specific instances

ROCK ISLAND'S RAPID RISE, REPORT OF COMMITTEE

nitted to Stock Exchange Govrnors-The General Belief.

New York, Dec. 30.—A brief session of the governors of the stock exchange was held today to receive the report of the committee of three appointed to finquire into the circumstances attending the purchases and sales of Rock Island common on Monday morning, when the stock advanced anid much excitement from 50 5-8 to up to tonight no reports had been received of any damage to the trees.

sil, and as suddenly receded again.

The special committee has taken the testimony of a number of brokers, has examined the books of various members and has also listened to complaints from outsiders who were more less affected by Rock Island's gyplaints from outsiders who were more or less affected by Rock Island's gy-

The committee's findings are sub-mitted to the governors and the sub-ject matter of the report will be act-ed upon by the governing committee on January 12, 1910.

Although the strictest reserve is bemaintained by the committee and governors, it is generally believed t the closing of the 'Rock Island

WIRELESS DISTRESS SIGNALS. PASSENGER LINER DRIFTING

Not Under Control.

Beaufort, N. C., Dec. 36 .- The Southern Pacific line passenger steamer Excelsior. Captain Birney, which sailed from New York Wednesday for New Orleans, is drifting about forty miles north of Diamond Shoals lightship, showing the signal that she is not un-

Beaufart, N. C., Dec. 30.—Word of the predicament of the Excelsion reached here late today in a message received at the naval wireless station here. It was probably from the Excelsior herself or from a passing steamer having wireless apparatus. The Excelsior is thought to be in no

\$5,000 RANSOM DEMANDED

For the Return of Kidnapped Little

Louisville, Ky. Dec. 80.—A letter was received today from some town in Ohio promising the return of kidnapped litpromising the return of kidnspped lit-tle Alma Kellner to her parents on pay-ment of \$5,000 ransom. This is all the information the family will give out.
The girl disappeared December 3, and the demand for ransom received to-day, although it may not be genuine. ght with it the first real hope for

Pittsburg Dec. 20.—The police anthorities of Greater Pittsburg deny that they received an appeal to assist in the work of recapturing the alleged kidnappers of little Alma Kellner, the Louisville child, who was secretly taken from her home December 8. But the restance in the receiver in the control of the 8. But the postoffice inspectors this district have been asked for assistance in tracing the writer of a letter said to have been received by the parents of the child today asking

Driven Out by Fire Into Zero Weather New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.-A score women and children were driven out into the zero weather today when a ten-family Italian tenement house here taking fire had its interior practically burned out. The loss is estimated at about \$3,000. How the fire started is not known.

Nine of the Crew Drowned.

Cabled Paragraphs.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The reports that M. Fallieres, president of France, was ill and that a specialist had been called in consultation are given denial by the fact that the president today is funting with friends at Rambouillet.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—The fire which originated among bales of cotton in the hold of the White Star liner Celtic when the steamer was at sea December 22, was extinguished today. The vessel was not damaged.

New York, Dec. 20.—"Don't try to make the boy a finished workman," said President Schurman of Cornell in an address today before the members of the State Teachers' association. "The schools were not and are not intended to be rivals of the shop. Boys should be taught English, industrial drawing, mathematics and the elements of physics and chemistry, and along with this theoretical work there should be shops illustrating the industrial processes. Education is intended to develop the mind and character of the child; industrial training should come after. I am heartily in accord come after. I am heartily in accord with the reports made by a committee of the National Federation of Labor on that subject, headed by Mr. John Mitchell. The conclusions of that committee agree with our experience at Cornell, and are, I believe, the best eyr made."

which resulted in this investigation.

Girl Hung Up by Wrists.

Ruby Galther, a country girl, who said she was 19 years old, told how she was hung up by the wrists until she fainted. She saw other women similarly punished.

EFFORT TO OUST THE AMERICAN SALVATION ARMY New Trial Has Been Granted to Gen. William Booth.

New York, Dec. 30.—Gen. William sooth, the founder of the Salvation The attorney general interprets the Booth, the founder of the Salvalion Army, was granted a new trial today in his effort to oust the American Salvation Army. The original suit, brought in 1907, went against General Booth, who asked for a permanent injunction forbidding the American army to use the manual and ritual of complaint as not merely directed tow-ard the acquisition and ownership of stock or other property, but as against the company's operations in commerce, "Competition has been persistently destroyed; scores of contracts have rearmy to use the manual and ritual of the Salvation Army and directing the members of the American army to sur-render their uniforms and ratire to private life. The supreme court dis-missed the petition and the appellate division now reverses the supreme court. tired skilled men from the trade; many have been forced out, and the necessary result of the plan long fol-lowed has been to give defendants lower to exclude others and exercise

> Absolved of Charges Made Against Him for Divorce.

> New York, Dec. 30.—Commander Frederick L. Benton, a United States navy surgeon, formerly in charge of the Brooklyn navy yard hospital, was absolved of the charges made against him by his wife. Allita T. Benton, in a suit for absolute divorce, according to the report of Referee D. F. Cohalan, filed today.
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> Referee Cohalan says in his report that there is no evidence to justify the that there is no evidence to justify the charges and the co-respondent, Annie Grady, is likewise innocent.

Intolerable Conditions in Oklahoma State Insane Asylum.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 30.—Florida today experienced the coldest weather that has visited this section in several years. The thermometer in Jackson-Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 30.—Intolerable conditions have been found at the state means asylum at Fort Supply, according to Miss Kate Barnard, state comfacilities, negligence by the superir tendent, unsanitary conditions, untrain ed unrees and attendants and instances of III treatment of patients are report-

Monticello, N. Y. Dec. 30.—Cold weather has forced abundonment of the work of rebuilding this village, which was destroyed by fire on Aug. 10 last. The thermometer today registered 10 below zero here and at Bridgeville, near here, 16 below. arcoplanists are making desperate ef-forts to lower the 1909 records for distance and height before Saturday. Too Cold for New York Snow Shovelers Latham and Farman are both a Mourmelon le Grand, the former try New York, Dec. 30.—Cold consolation was the best the weather bureau could give the city tonight. By slow degrees the thermometer mounted from the ing out a new motor, and the latter practicing with a passenger, with a kilometre cross country, with passen-

President Frank B. Smith Dropped

the thermometer mounted from the lowest point of the winter, 6 above zero, at 5 o'clock this morning, to 14 degrees above at 8 o'clock tonight.

Many of the seven hundred men at work cleaning the city of snow were driven by the cold to abandon their abovels today and take refuge in the lodging houses of the Bowery, and this notwithstanding the street cleaning department built bonfires on the snow heaps. The total fall of snow during the recent storm was ten inches, and it is estimated that to remove it will Pittsburg, Dec. 80.—Frank B, Smith, president of the Crucible Steel com-pany, one of the largest independent United States, droped dead here to-

Education Along Forestry Lines. Washington, Dec. 30.-Professors of Washington, Dec. 30.—Processors of forestry, representing practically all the forestry schools in the United States, met here today with Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, for a discussion of plans to further education along forestry lines. The conference will continue tomorrow. Secretary Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—The intensely cold weather tonight effectively checked the flood which yesterday and last night menaced Pittsburg and points south of here on the Ohio river. The river is frozan solidly between here and Cincinnat. The fear that warm weather might break the ice gorges formed in the river and loose big gumps. Wilson welcomed the conferees on be-half of the department of agriculture and he was followed by Mr. Pinchot. The principal speakers at today's session included Prof. Henry S. Graves

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—With four persons under arrest and the detectives searching for a waitress said to have served a meal to Jimmy Friel and "a tail man," the night that the boy is supposed to have met his death and his mutilated body was taken to a deserted house in Allegheny. It is said that the murder mystery which has stirred Greater Pittsburg for the past five days is near a solution tonight. Earth Shock at Portland, Ore. Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—A slight earth shock was felt here at 4.23 o'clock this afternoon.

THAMES RIVER BRIDGE.

Hearing on Plans of New Haven Road for New One Will Be Held Next

Cotton Damaged.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 20.—Fire here today destroyed the north compartment of one of the wharves on pler No. 12, causing damage estimated at \$100,000. The principal loss is on cotton awaiting shipment to Liverpool. About 2,300 bales of cotton were damaged to probably one-third of fis value. All losses are covered by insurance.

National Fire Peachs Communication of the United States engineering corps has advertised to here will be plan. 14 on the plants of the New Haven road for the building of a new bridge across the Thames 116 feet north of the present bridge, containing a roller lift draw, opposite the east channel of the present bridge. There will be plers for four tracks. It has been suggested that the present bridge be retained for highway purposes and to that a roller lift would have to be installed at a point to correspond with the new bridge.

respond with the new bridge. NEW YEAR'S AT Y. M. C. A Open House as Usual With Attractive Programme.

Arranging for the usual observance of New Year's at the Young Men's Christian association, there will be open house at the association under the auspices of the Woman's auxiliary on New Year's night from 7.30 to 10 o'clock. No printed invitations have been sent out, but all members of the association, the auxiliary and their friends will be welcome.

of the Portuguese bark Fortuna were died here last week, died at her home drewned in the storms which have been tavaging the Atlantic in the past ten days. She was bound from New Orleans to Oporto and was towed into this port today totally dismasted with the port today totally dismasted with the port today totally dismasted with the port today and half totally dismasted with the port today totally dismasted with the port today and half totally dismasted with the port today to the programme has been arranged to include readings by Miss Jennie Stanton, vocal solos by Mrs. Nelson Crowell Aldrich, torch swinging by Physical Director Bandlow, other gymnastic attractions, and refreshments. Mrs. Will L. Stearns, Mrs. H. H. Pettis and Mrs. W. C. McKinlock are the committee of the auxiliary in charge.

In the "Stockade" Recognizing At Atlanta President Madriz

WASHINGTON INTERESTED

Probable Action of Mexico and th

Central American States-Opinion of

Close Relations With Honduras.

tral American governments.

nditions in Managua.

NO OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

Were of Personal Character.

visited Minister General Baca

pledged support. Santos Ramirez, rector general of telegraphs, who

upon the executive to abolish the to-bacco and alcohol monopolies, indemni-

CONSIDER ZELAYA A MARTYR.

Backdown of Knox Will Not Help

Americans in Nicaragua.

from his duties in the United States hospital at Colon, Panama, passed through here today and made the state-

men that Zelaya was being looked upon as a martyr and a hero by the peopl of Central America.

Speaking tonight of the situation in Nicaragua and other Central American republics, Dr. Walsh said that he knew

it to be a fact that when Zelava was

in power he caused consula rreports to be intercepted, muzzled the press and

in many instances "rubbed it into" Americans in Nicaragua. He believes that under the Madriz regime, particularly since what he termed "the backdown of Mr. Knox."

conditions, insofar as Americans are concerned, will be much the same, if

Mrs. Caroline P. Martin and Mrs. Mar-

Snead Have Auto Ride.

PITTSBURG TELLER ACCUSED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—Charles Verorka, bookkeeper and teller of the Working-men's Sayings bank and Trust com-pany, North Side, was committed to

jail today on charges of embezzlement. His hail was fixed at \$20,000.

It is alleged he appropriated to his own use the sum of \$30,000 of the bank's funds on or before Dec. 29. The information is made by a bonding company.

Battleship Manoeuvres in Cuban Wa-

Archbishop Ryan III.

TAKEN TO NEW JERSEY

not worse, than in the past.

EXTRADITED WOMEN

of Mrs. Ocey Snead.

the property of the state.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 30.-The

Foundationless Rumors.

State Department Officials.

BARBAROUS CRUELTIES SAID TO SITUATION PRESENTS SOME DIP BE PRACTICED THERE. LOMATIC NICETIES.

WOMEN PRISONERS TORTURED

Hung Upon Cell Room Wall as Though Crucified-Girl Placed in Whipping Machine-City Council's Investigation

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.-That white Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—That white women were hung upon the wall of a cell room, as though crucified, with extended arms, that at least one attempt was made to whip a woman and that prisoners were used to do work for private citizens were some of the things testified to today in the city make the boy a finished workman," said President Schurman of Cornell in Charges of the "stockade." Charges of Inhuman Cruelties.

Charges have been made that the convicted of misdemeanors and unable to pay a money fine are committed, is a filthy place, unworthy of holding even and is, that there has been graft and that barbarous cruelties are practiced

there.

The grand jurors recently indicted Superintendent Vinling and two guards for cruelty and made public a report which resulted in this investigation.

Another in Whipping Machine.

One girl, Pearl Ryan, was put in the whipping machine for the amplication of the lash. The lash is a heavy leather strap with large rivers studded in its surface. The Ryan girl was so small that she slipped through the chair and the guards gave up the attempt to beat her. The investigation will continue tomorrow.

City of San Francisco to Operate the Geary Street Railway.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—By at vote f 2,465 votes over the necessary twothirds majority, voters of San Fran-cisco declared today for the munici-pal ownership and operation of the Geary street rallway and its extension on the east to the ferry building and on the west to the ocean shore. This proposal has been rejected, three times in the last five years. The total vote polled was 42.081, the record vote for a special election. The figures stood 31.185 for the bonds and 11.694 against. The supervisors are now authorized to bond the city to the extent of \$2,020,-060

Gasoline Boat Goes Down, Three Men Swam Ashore.

Swam Ashore.

Crissield, Md. Dec. 30.—In the midst of a storm, with the wind blowing hard and the snow falling thickly, the gasoline boat Orine, of Tangier, plyling between Tangier and Crissield, went down off Sandy Island, in Tangier sound, yesterday. Her crew of two men and one passenger swam ashore and spent several hours tramping through the marshes in water, snow and ice from two to three feet deep before they reached this place. Managua, Nicaragua, 1962. 30.—The Mexican government has in no way officially recognized Jose Madriz as president of Nicaragua. The telegrams which have passed between President Diaz and President Madriz were of a personal character. President Madriz himself does not construe them as a

Troubles Rejected.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 30.—A proposition submitted by the Granite Cutters' un-on to a committee of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association, to settle the labor troubles that have made 4,500 men idle in the quarries here, was rejected by the manufacturers' committee today after a two hours

Newspaper Man Appointed at \$6,000 a Year.

New York, Dec. 30.—Mayor-elect Gaynor announced tonight that he will appoint Robert Adamson, a newspaper nam, to the place of mayor's secretary, with a salary of \$6,000 a year. This is the first appointment announced thus far by the incoming mayor. Mr. Adamson is 37 years old and was born in Georgia.

Cash Flax Touches Highest Point. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Cash flax today touched the highest point ever known on the floor of the chamber of commerce, when it went up to \$2.091-2. This is \$1-2 cents high-er than May flax in Duluth, which is quoted there at \$2.06. The high price is due to the shortage of flax all over is due to the shortage of the north-

Newark, Dec. 30.—Singed and frozen, firemen worked side by side tonight in extinguishing a fire in a building occupied by the Electrical Motor and Equipment company. Two smoke-be-fogged and terrified women stenograproperty loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Typhoid Cases at Montreal Gaining. Montreal, Dec. 30 .- Thirty new cases of typhold and three additional deaths from the disease were reported to the health authorities here today. An emergency meeting of the civic health committee has been called to formulate plans for combatting the epidem

Boston, Dec. 20—The machinists em-ployed on the Boston & Maine rallroad late today presented their wage increase requests to the officers of that road. The requests called for advances of from four to six cents an Charged With Embezzling \$30,000 of

Arms and Legs Frozen. Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 30.—With his arms and legs so badly frozen that doctors despair of saving them, Abel Stewart, a middle aged farmer, living at Princetown, a hamlet a few miles from here, was found early this morn-

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Fire which broke out this morning on the fifth floor of the eight story Snow building caused a loss estimated at \$50,000.

Washington, Der. 30.—The final de-talls for the departure of the battle-ship fleet for Guantanamo bay, Cu-ba, have been completed by the navy department. The fleet will continue At Havre: Dec. 30, La Provence, from New York. At Venice: Dec. 26, Argentina, from New York via Naples. its battle manoeueres in Cuban wa-ters until about May I, when it will start north. Plans for the movement of the fleet during the summer have

Constantinople, Dec. 30.—Hakka Bey, ambassador to Italy, has accepted the office of grand vizier.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Archbishop Ryan of this city is confined to his bed with a severe cold and has cancel-ed all engagements for the immediate future. Because of his advanced age Kansas City, Dec. 30.—The contest between Fighting Dick Hyland and Cy-clone Johnny Thompson, set for Jan. 10, has been called off.

Condensed Telegrams

The Annual Report of the United

The State of Texas Declines to be ound by Taft's decision as to what is Capt. John Mullan, formerly of the United States army, died at the age of

Papers Touching the Negro Problem were read before the American Negro academy.

Wu Ting Fang, the retiring Chinese minister, salled for Europe, saying he will return in 1959.

Twenty-seven Lines of Hose were used in fighting a fire at 214-216 Sulli-van street, New York.

Henry Weite of Toledo, O., who said he was too bashful to live, committed suicide by shooting himself. John Ridgely Carter, new minister to Roumania, called at the state depart-

Washington, Dec. 30.—The situation in Nicaragua presents some diplomatic niceties as regards the propriety of recognizing the government of Madriz by the Central American states. In the opinion of officials of the state department, President Madriz should receive no recognition on the part of Central American republics, beyond that which would be given the leader of a faction. The British Government will estab Hah wireless stations at points in all their possessions on the Pacific.

ment to receive his instructions.

Because of the close relations maintained by Zelaya with Honduras, it is expected that that government may be foremost in doing anything that will tend to strengthen the authority of Madriz, but there would be great surprise should such action be taken by Mexico without a previous understanding with the United States. structor Capps recommended increased ing dock facilities at the navy yards. Colonel Reconvelt and the members of his expedition, who are now at Katue, Uganda, are in good health.

In His Annual Report Chief Con-

Eleven Newfoundland Schooners and their crews of sixty men were lost, it is feared, in the Christmas bliggard. Madriz Elected by "Packed" Congress.

send out theatrical companies to spread the doctrine of votes for wom-en. The Suffragettes of Illinois are to

Colonel Hoyt Recommends a separate government for the southern Philip-pines and placing Mores on reserva-

Madriz Elected by "Packed" Congress.

It is pointed out here that since the United States is the only government which has broken off official relations with Nicaragua, there would be no occasion for special recognition by the Central American republics were Madriz elected president under ordinary conditions, because diplomatic relations with the nation would be continued as usual. But inasmuch as Madriz merely headed one of two factions and was elegted by what has been declared to be a "packed congress," conditions should be stable in the opinion of the officials here before support is given him in the form of any recognition as president of the republic by other Central American governments. Five Men Were Killed by the exploa botter at the plant of the

Bessie M. Priest, Aged 18 Years, o Los Angeles, Cal., died of poison after dining with a rivel for the hand of a son of a millionaire. Rumors that Admiral Kimball would

Rumors that Admiral Kimball would be reprimanded for having called upon Madri at Managua were denied by Assistant Secretary of State Wilson, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop characteried the rumors as being absolutely without foundation.

Admiral Kimball, according to the officials, has made no report of his call upon Madriz, although he announced to Washington his intention to inspect conditions in Managua. The Centenary of the Birth of William Ewart Gladstone was commomo-rated in England and in Greece, the Balkans and Armenia

A Montreal Physician who claims to be a friend of Dr. Cook says the ex-plorer is at one of the camps in the Lake St. John district. Col. Walter Howe of the Coast artil-ery was made a brigadier general, suc-ceeding Gen. W. S. Edgerly, who was

Dr. Joseph S. Neff of the health de-Telegrams Between Diaz and Madriz partment of Chicago declares some physicians prolong the illness of pa-tients to increase their income.

placed on the retired list.

The Interstate Commerce Commission reprimanded railroads for requiring shippers to exhaust every resource before adjusting triffing claims.

Roy McKinney of Indianapolis, Ind., shot and killed Dorn Chappell, a walt-ress, in the dining room of the Bearss hotel, Peru, Ind., and then committed formal recognition of his incumbency. The presidential reception on Tuesday was attended by the official representatives of all nations except the United States, and the Nicaraguan administration does not see why formal official Brigadier General Edwards, chief of the United States bureau of insular affairs, accidentally fell down an emrecognition from any country except the United States is necessary. A delegation from Granada today

pankment at San Juan, Porto Rico.

was arrested recently on the charge of hav-ing sent unauthorized orders to the Zelayan army, has made strong denial, A. N. Roe, National Legislative repesentative of the Brotherl omotive Firemen, the Bro Locomotive Engineers and Erotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, discussed legisbut has not yet been released from

Congress today conferred authority bacco and alcohol monopolies, indemni-fying private stockholders for the loss of their holdings, which now become FROM UNCLE SAM'S PURSE.

S. Treasury Completed. coins and securities in the United States treasury it has taken a com-mittee of four persons supervising Mexico City, Dec. 30.—Dr. Groesbeck Waish of Chicago, formerly acting United States consul at Corinto, Nica-ragua, and now on leave of absence from thirty to forty counting experts, almost two months. Upon the re-tirement of Charles H. Treat as treasurer, it became necessary that a counting of the contents of the treas-ury vaults should be made and the incoming treasurer, Lee McClung, should give a receipt for the valuables. Next Monday Mr. McClung will give to Mr. Treat a receipt for \$1,258,001.756,37 2-3, the exact contents of the treasury. Not a cent was found to be missing from Uncle Sam's pocket-

It was the quickest count ever made by the treasury and it was absolutely necessary before Mr. Treat could be relieved of the responsibilities of the office. The count included 156,151,217 silver dollar pieces.

A SANITARIUM BURNED. Patients Escape Safely from Dr. King's, Near White Plains.

King's sanitarium on North street, about two miles outside of the village limits, on the road to Mamaroneck, was limits, on the road to Mamaroneck, was burned to the ground this morning. There were only a few patients there, and all were got out safely. The sanitarium was for persons suffering from nervous disease and rheumatism. The burned building was an old farmhouse two and a half stories high, constructed of wood. It had been remodeled. Only a few pieces of furniture and some raus were saved. The loss is estimated at about \$20,000. All the patients found shelter in neighboring bouses. New York, Dec. 30.—Bundled into an automobile, the two strange old women, Mrs. Caroline Martin, mother of Mrs. Occy Snead, the bathtub victim, and Mrs. Mary Snead, were taken away from the Tombs prison today to Newark, N. J., where they are under indictment for having caused the death of Mrs. Occay Snead. were saved. The loss is estimated at about \$20,000. All the patients found shelter in neighboring houses.

> IT COST \$15,000,000. New Manhattan Bridge Will Be Open ed to Public Travel Today,

between Manhattan Island and Brook-lyn will be opened to public traffle by foot and vehicle tomorrow afternoon. Exclusive of condemnation expenses for land approaches the new Manhattan bridge, as it has been named will have cost in all \$15,000,000. The dedcation ceremonies will form or he last official acts of Mayor the last official acts of Mayor Me-Clellan, whose term expires with the

Washington, Dec. 30.—Approval was given today by naval officials of the report of the board of inquiry concerning the collision between the battleships Georgia and Nebruska off the tleships Georgia and Nebraska off the Virginia capes during the recent tactical drift. The report recommended that no disciplinary measures be taken as a result of the accident. The board held that the signal given to the battleships was, subject reasonably to two interpretations and as this happened none of the officers was to blame for an error of judgment.

No Strike by Big Four Telegraphers.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 30.—A compromise has been reached between the telegraphers and and ill immediate danger of a strike has been reached between the telegraphers.

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Speaker Cannon In Washington

HAS BEEN IN ILLINOIS, WHERE HE ACTED AS SANTA CLAUS.

CHRISTMAS CICARS A-PLENTY

All of Varying Brands and Differing Degrees of Excellence Presented Him by Friends-In Good Health,

Washington, Dec. 20.—Speaker Can-non, laden with Christmas cigars, re-turned to Washington tonight, and will put in tomorrow at his office in the capitol outlining the work of the comcaptor outlining the work of the coming session. The speaker spent Christmas at his home in Danville, Ill., where
he acted the role of Santa Claus for his
grandchildren. Everyone who remembered him on the great holiday appeared to have been inspired with one idea,
for his gifts were practically all cigars
of varying brands and of equally varying excellence.

Brimming Over With Energy. "Uncle Joe" declared himself in the sest of health, and he looked it. His sheeks are ruddy and he was brimming cheeks are ruddy and he was brimming over with energy when he swung off the steps of the Pullman car and help-ed his daughter. Miss Helen, to the

platform. He went directly to his home on Vermont avenue, where he dined, and later he spent the evening before the fire in his library, chatting with Declined to Talk Politics

He declined to discuss politics with them, and when asked about his prep-arations to meet the advertised on-slaught of the house "insurgenta," he merely smiled. He smiled even more broadly when inquiry was made about his reported decision to relinquish the peakership. The sureastic manner in which his ip curied, bowever, convinced his

lip curied, however, convinced his friends that the rumor may not be tak-DEATH OF RAY LAMPHERE.

Slayer of Mrs. Belle Gunness Died In Michigan Penitentiary.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 30.—Ray Lamphere, the slayer of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her children, died tonight of tuberculosis in the Michigan City penitentiary, where he was serving an indeterminate term for arson. Lamphere on April 25 1908 minate term for arson. Lamphere on April 28, 1908, set fire to the Gunness home near Laporte and incinerated the family. He had formerly been employed by Mrs. Gunness, Following the fire, the bodies of several persons who had been murdered by Mrs. Gunness were unearthed in the farmyard.

Lamphere was convicted of burning the house and sentenced on Nov. 26, 1908, to serve from two to fourteen years in prison. Lamphere always contended that he was innocent of the arson.

GREAT NORTHERN TRIP PASSES Fraudulently Disposed of-Road Employes to Be Arrested.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—Extensive frauds in the disposal of trip passes, whereby the Great Northern Railroad company, it is said, has lost from \$123,000 a year, for several years, became known today following the arrest of Paul Carbon, a saloonkeeper, on the charge of illegally disposing of some of the passes. From the police it is learned that several employes of the railroad company are about to be ar-rested, and that one employe in the maintenance of way department had confessed connection with the affair and will assist the company in its in-

COLD WAVE BEING DISSIPATED. Rising Pressure Area Moving East from Mississippi Valley.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The extreme cold which has been sweeping over the eastern section of the country from the tip of Maine to the keys of Florida, is being dissipated before a rising pressure area which is moving rapidly eastward from the Mississippi valley. Tonight east of the Mississippi valley

the temperatures reported are from 15 to 26 degress below the seasonable average. In the northwest and the central Rocky Mountain region, however, the mercury is 10 to 20 above the seasonable average. morning general

Americans to Develop Canadian Coal Fields.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 30.—Notice of the application for incorporation of a two million dollar American coma two million dollar American company fro the development of the Grand Lake conf fields appears in the Royal Gazette, the official organ of the Canadian government, this week. The company is to be known as the Big Six Coal company, limited, and the incorporators include William George Lotze, New Haven, Conn., Dec. 30.—William George Lotze was formerly general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A.

\$100,000 Fire in New York This Morn-

New York, Dec. 31.—A fire early this morning destroyed the office building of the American Express Co. on Madison avenue, near the Grand Central station. While the fire was still burning, but under control, the loss was roughly estimated at \$100,000. Three men were injured, a fireman

Paroles Refused Murderers of Jennie Bosschieter.

Trenton, N. J., Doc. 30.—The court of pardons met today and George Kerr and Walter C. McAllister, who are serving 15 and 30 year sentences, respectively for the murder of Jennie Basschieter of Paterson in 1901, were refused accelerated. refused pareles.

Mills Closed by Cotton Shortage Pawtucket, R. I., Dep. 30.—A number of textile mills in Pawtucket and Central Fails are curtailing production, partly because of the high price of cotton. The American Yarn company and the E. Jenckes Manufacturing company appropriate that the control of the price o company announce that until further notice their mills will be operated five days a week. The two concerns em-ploy about 1,000 hands. The mills of the Royal Weaving company and the Leader Weaving company have shut down for a week, which affects 700

Pittsburg Dec. 30.—The directors of the National Fire Proofing company to-day declared a dividend of 1 per cent. on 38,000,000 preferred stock of the company. This is the first dividend leclared by the company since April Washington, Dec. 30.—Hannah Ev-